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REMARKS

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1. Troop trains passing through Satskorn on 22 August 1953 included:
A train carrying an undetermined number of 37-mm AA guns, 4 searchlights,
1 sound detector, 1 field kitchen and [redacted] and including 15 boxcars, coming
from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeding toward Velten at 5 p.m.

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A train carrying 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 9 trucks; and including 4 boxcars,
coming from the direction of Jueterbog and proceeding toward Neuruppin under
shipment-record No 61/162 at 6 p.m.¹

A train carrying 12 repairshop trucks and 4 trucks, [redacted] and including 4 boxcars, coming from the direction of Wuensdorf and proceeding
toward Rathenow at 9:30 p.m.²

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2. [redacted]

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3. On 24 August, the Schweinrich troop training grounds was only lightly occupied.⁴

1. [redacted] Comment. According to reports on transportation, train [redacted] went
to Velten and train [redacted] to Neuruppin on 22 August.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably train [redacted] from Wuensdorf to Rathenow.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The units of the 18th Mecz Div practicing there presumably
had left for exercises of combined-arms units outside of the training grounds.
Similar observations were made at the Lieberose training grounds at the same
time. [redacted]

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7. On 26 August, 120 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets; trucks [redacted] and 1 field kitchen were entrained in Trebbin and left toward Justerbog. The unit had come from Camp Glau.

8. At about 5:45 a.m. on 19 August, a column of 1 jeep, 10 trucks, towing 35-mm AA guns and each occupied by 6 to 8 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport or artillery insignia, was seen on Koenigsbruecker Strasse, coming from the direction of Dresden and proceeding toward Koenigsbrueck. [redacted]

9. On 27 August, two shipments of trucks, buses, troops and uniformed women were entrained in Luebben. [redacted]

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1. [redacted] Comment. The units entrained in Weimar on 26 August probably were army signal units of the Eighth Gds Army, who may have gone to the area west and southwest of Stettin where, according to available information, a major command post exercise may have started in late August.

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2. [redacted] Comment. According to information by another source and reports on transportation, trains [redacted] were loaded with medium units of the 62d AAA Div (US) in Dessau for the Wustrow firing range on 14 August. A bivouac in the Haideburger Forest, south of Dessau, is reported for the first time. It is not impossible that source referred to a troop camp which another source observed in the area northeast of Toerten on the north side of the Mulde River. [redacted]

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5. [redacted] Comment. On 17 and 18 August, two AAA shipments of the First Gds Army returned to Dresden-Klotzsche from the Wustrow firing range.

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[redacted] The day after their return, these elements presumably went to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds by road.

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